

## Sermon Notes / 1 Corinthians 15:1-34



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### Today: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

#1 Jesus is with you today!

#2- Life is not futile!

#3- Jesus is above all!

### A. The Greatest News Ever! (v.1-2)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

**Romans 10:9** "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved!"

### B. Evidence that Requires a Decision (v. 3-11)

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

### Col. 2: 13b-14

"...having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us..."

### B. Evidence that Requires a Decision (v. 3-11 cont.)

<sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Cephas (Peter)- From Failure to Church Foundation!  
The Twelve- From Fearful to Bold!  
Five Hundred- From Impersonal to Personal!  
James- From Cynic to Pastor!  
Paul- From Killer to Missionary!

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# GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

## 1 CORINTHIANS

### Introduction

Greek culture did not believe in the physical resurrection of our bodies, let alone in the resurrection of Christ. The church at Corinth was struggling with this concept. Paul made it a topic of *'first importance.'* Discuss why he might have done so.

### A. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

According to the early church creed (v.3-4):

1. Christ died for our sins
2. He was buried
3. He was raised on the third day

What is the significance of each of these? Share in your own words how you would lead someone to accept Christ. (see also Romans 10:9)

### B. Read 1 Corinthians 15:5-11.

Why are eyewitnesses so important to the reality of an account? How were the lives of those listed changed because they saw the risen Christ? Discuss.

### C. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

List the implications in the text if Jesus did not rise from the dead. What would it be like to only have this life? How would that change the way you live? Discuss.

### D. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.

Since Jesus did rise from the dead, He is ultimate! What are the implications? How does it make you feel that Jesus is supreme over all rulers? What does that mean for all other religions, for governments, for leaders? Discuss.

### E. Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34.

Paul calls out how Corinthians affirm the resurrection by this fringe cultural practice of baptizing on behalf of the dead. Somehow, we all have 'eternity' in our hearts. That is why Paul was willing to go all in and give himself entirely for this good news of the resurrection. He wanted people to have assurance of their salvation and a hope beyond this life. Describe the extent to which Paul went to share the gospel with others. What could you do to become more motivated to share this good news with others? Discuss.